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Dear Parent:

This letter is to let you know about monies that are available to assist qualifying households with their electric and natural gas bills. Lower Yellowstone REA, MDU and Action for Eastern Montana have requested that schools in Custer, Dawson, Richland and Roosevelt Counties lend support to their Universal Systems Benefits bill assistance programs. Since your household receives free lunch and/or breakfast benefits for your child(ren) at this school, you may qualify for bill assistance of **up to** \$500.00 on either your electric or natural gas bill if you are a customer of REA or MDU.

This assistance for qualifying households is funded by REA and MDU customers through the Universal Systems Benefits Charge. It is not a government program. Many eligible REA and MDU customers are not aware of this program. We are sending you this letter so that you may decide whether you would like to sign up.

If you are interested, please complete and sign the form below and mail it to Sheri Shepherd, Action for Eastern Montana, PO Box 1309, Glendive, MT 59330.

Your signing of this letter to participate in the USB bill assistance program must not be construed by you, Lower Yellowstone REA, MDU or Action for Eastern Montana as an additional requirement or pre-requisite for participation in any of the school food service programs. REA, MDU and Action for Eastern Montana must limit the use of this information to the purpose specified in this letter.

If you have any questions about the USB bill assistance programs, please contact Sheri Shepherd, Action for Eastern Montana at 1-800-227-0703.

Sincerely,

School Food Service Determining Official

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I am an electric customer of: Lower Yellowstone REA \_\_\_\_\_ MDU \_\_\_\_\_

I am a natural gas customer of MDU \_\_\_\_\_ I heat my home with: \_\_\_\_ gas \_\_\_\_ electricity

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number REA \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number MDU \_\_\_\_\_ SS Number (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_